

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 595
By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Marvin Campen of
Warren County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of local volunteer and philanthropist Marvin Campen; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Campen was an extremely talented and compassionate individual who distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; he performed his duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and worked assiduously to help the community of McMinnville reach its full potential; and

WHEREAS, the Davidson County native and McMinnville resident was born on May 19, 1918, to the late Marvin Thomas and Beulah Vesta Womack Campen; and

WHEREAS, his impact on Warren County spans decades, as it was a young Campen who, in 1934, became only the second youth ever conferred the honor of Eagle Scout by the Boy Scouts of America; he went on to attend Cumberland University in Lebanon on a \$100 scholarship, then went to Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) where he received his bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering; and

WHEREAS, a true patriot and a veteran of World War II, Marvin Campen served with courage and distinction as a member of the United States Navy in the Pacific Theater; when he returned home, he used his GI Bill to earn his master's degree in Business Administration from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1948; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Campen's education opened the door for him to serve for thirty-five years with various major oil companies including Chevron, Exxon and Mobile; he also participated in the development of the petrochemicals that facilitated the construction of the Alaskan Pipeline; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Campen's illustrious career in chemical engineering took him away from Warren County for forty-eight years as he traveled the world, living in Paris, Geneva, and Tokyo;

always generous of spirit, he would later bring his knowledge of Japan back home to help develop the Sister City program linking McMinnville with Mikawa, Japan, in 1990, as sister cities; he also opened his home in 2004, to a Japanese exchange student; and

WHEREAS, after retiring in Warren County in 1982, to his ancestral log home, which is known on the National Register of Historic Places as "My Grandfather's House," Marvin Campen became an active member of Heritage Alliance, serving as its chairman from 1983 until 1986; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Campen also served on the Board of Trustees of Magness Library, which he chaired for fifteen years; he focused his efforts on saving the downtown library, ultimately, he expanding its horizons by purchasing adjoining property to provide a larger parking area for patrons; and

WHEREAS, his influence downtown did not stop with the library; as further illustration of his public commitment to the betterment of his community, Marvin Campen was an integral part of the Main Street project, serving as vice chair from 1995 until 2000; he was also a member of the Warren County Chamber of Commerce Education Committee for six years and served with the Parent-Teacher Organization for a decade; and

WHEREAS, a public-minded citizen of the highest order, Marvin Campen was a member of the McMinnville Noon Rotary Club for twenty-one years, serving as president from 2000 until 2001; he was also an active member of the American Legion for twenty-one years, as well as a member of the McMinnville Historical Society and the Warren County Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, a true gentleman and a man of conviction, Mr. Campen served as an inspiration to his colleagues and his community, and his friendship and counsel were highly valued by those who were fortunate to know him; in 2004, the readers of the *Southern Standard* publicly honored his legacy of community service by electing him "Mr. Warren County"; and

WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Campen was devoted to maintaining the highest ideals of family and community, and he was most grateful for the deep love and companionship he shared with his beautiful family; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Bonnie Jean Campen, and aunt, Mrs. Daisy Womack; and

WHEREAS, appreciative of his many blessings, Marvin Campen enjoyed the loving companionship of his devoted second wife, Cynthia Brady Campen, to whom he was married on April 2, 1988; he is also survived by two daughters, Kathleen Rebecca Campen and Daisy Elizabeth Campen; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Al and Ann Brady; special nephews and their spouses, Bill and Elizabeth Clark and Grant and Rosemary Clark, and Logan and Mary Jo Brady and Cody Brady; and special friends, Alphonso Tyson and Ken Lawrence; and

WHEREAS, a man of unwavering faith, Marvin Campen was an active and devout member of the First Presbyterian Church, serving faithfully for many years as an ordained elder and former trustee; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Campen leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of volunteer and philanthropist Marvin Campen, a man of dedication and unmatched competence, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his integrity, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and many friends of Marvin Campen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.